

Application No. 09/681,611
Attorney Docket No. 15-XZ-5728
Amendment dated March 8, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment amends only claim 28. In addition, this Amendment merely adds "wherein said" to claim 28 so that claim 28 has proper antecedent basis in light of the Examiner's Amendment.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present application should remain allowable.


CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of GTC, Account No. 07-0845.

Respectfully submitted,

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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are allowed. The Applicant appreciates the Examiners allowance of these claims and respectfully submits the following Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Reasons for Allowance may potentially import interpretations into the claims in relation to the prior art that are unnecessarily limited and may place unwarranted interpretations upon the claims.

Such a characterization of the claims in view of the prior art may not properly take into account the Applicant's claimed invention as reflected in the claims, the specification and the prosecution history of the present application. Applicant believes that the claims, the specification, and the prosecution history in their entirety provide an adequate basis for the allowability of the claims.

Additionally, specific parts of the Examiner's reasons for allowance may pertain to limitations appearing in some of the claims, but not others of the claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has thoroughly examined the claims, recognized the limitations appearing or not appearing in each of the claims, and properly found the claims to be allowable based on the record.

More specifically, with regard to claims 26-28, the Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references teach or suggest elements of the claims, specifically automatically computing a cancellation parameter having a maximum likelihood of canceling one of the first and second types of structure from a structure cancelled image.

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With regard to claim 7, the Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references teach or suggest a first or second cancellation parameter selected from a predetermined range in a look-up table, where the range is determined by an effective kVp used to acquire the high level image and an effective kVp used to acquire the low level image.

While these are specific examples of additional differences between the allowed claims and the prior art, the Applicant does not assert that these are the only differences. These differences are merely intended as exemplary differences between the prior art and the allowed claims.

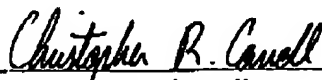
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